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INQUEST—Yesterday an Inquest was held at the Village of Waterdown before H. B. Bull, Esq., Coroner, on the bodies of two men, father and son named Clydesdale, who were found dead in an old house belonging to Mr. John Applegarth, East Flamboro. It appeared that the old man, accompanied by his son, came to Hamilton on Monday last, for the purpose of drawing his pension, he having belonged to the Navy, and lost an arm.—On leaving the city for home, they crossed the ice and on account of the intense cold, nature became exhausted, and on reaching the shore on the other side they sought shelter; from the tracks it appears that they crossed a fence and went to an uninhabited house, which being locked they could not get into, they then went to an old house where they were found on the following afternoon, by accident, as the place is seldom frequented. The deceased were quiet sober and industrious men, respected and esteemed by all who knew them: they were only a few months in this country having left Scotland last summer. Verdict in accordance with the above facts.

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OUTRAGE.—On Thursday night last, the Purser and mate of the steamer *Magnet* were set upon by a gang of scoundrels, near a rookery between the Town and the Harbor, on the west side of James Street, and dreadfully beaten. No provocation whatever was given; the parties so shamefully treated are inoffensive, and respected by all who know them, and they had not even spoken to the ruffians when they were attacked. Such outrages are by no means uncommon at this season of the year, but we trust that some of the scoundrels will be caught and made an example of.—*Spectator.*

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THE WEATHER.—On Saturday last the weather which for ten days previous had been intensely cold, moderated and became quite mild. The sleighing about the City is now delightful, but in the country the driftings are so great, especially in the less frequented roads, that unless a driver is careful, he is very apt to upset his cargo into the snow

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MAIL ROBBERY.

On Sunday morning last, FRANKLIN BAKER, one of the drivers of the Mail, was arrested by Constable Breslin, having been charged with robbing the Mail between Beamsville and this City. On the opening of the Mail Bags the Beamsville parcel was immediately missed by the Postmaster and on investigation a corner of the Bag was found newly torn, sufficient to allow the taking out of the parcel. Further examination resulted in the arrest of the driver, and on his trunk being examined the sum of $382 was found, which has since been identified by Mr. J. B. Osborne, of Beamsville, as part of the money sent by him per mail to the Cashier, of the Gore Bank. Baker acknowledged to opening the parcel and burning the letters, but said that he found it in the bottom of the waggon. He is a young man and it is supposed that he is the same person who robbed the same mail a short time since.

According to the Post Office Law we believe that persons guilty of this offence are entitled to free Board & Lodging in the Penetentiary, for the rest of their life, there being no discretionary power left with the judge.

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DR. J. W. HUNTER.—It is our melancholy duty to record the demise of this gentleman. He died on Wednesday morning, after a short illness of only two or three days, although he had been complaining for some time. His sudden departure from this world of trial and tribulation, leaves a great blank among his large circle of friends, by whom he was highly esteemed and respected, not only for his many private virtues, but as a Physician of great ability. For many years he has been the City Physician, and during that time many of the humblest and poorest have had occasion to bless him for his noble and generous disposition,

OPENING OF NAVIGATION.—By the latest accounts, the ice opposite Montreal had not given way, although five vessels had arrived from sea at Quebec. Their names are the *Toronto*, *Albion*, *Ottawa*, *Cambria* and *America*. They are from Liverpool and the Clyde. Steamers are now plying between Kingston and Toronto, and it is expected that the steamer *Magnet* will be able to get away from her winter moorings this morning If she succeeds she will proceed to Kingston and intermediate ports. On Monday morning the different steamers running to our port will have fairly got under way for the Spring business.

We learn from the Toronto *Colonist*, that the steamer *City of Toronto*, which arrived at Gorrie's Wharf, on Friday the 16th inst., at about 5 o'clock, P.M., was much injured about 2 o'clock, A.M. on the following morning. by the floating ice in the bay, some of which drifted between her and the wharf, and forced her from her moorings; in consequence of which she received some damage. Her starboard gunwales were stayed in; part of her starboard tiller was carried away, and her paddle wheels were injured.

The ice floating out on Saturday so blocked up the mouth of the bay, that a number of schooners outside were unable to get in.

It seems that the floating ice also injured the wharf at the Water Works, and displaced several of the beams.

STRANGER FOUND DROWNED.—On Monday last, an Inquest was held before H. B BULL, Esq., Coroner, on the body of a person found floating in the Bay, near the new addition to the City Wharf. It appeared to be the body of a man between 30 and 35 years of age, with black hair and sandy whiskers. The following is a description of the clothing :—velvet shooting coat, black cloth waistcoat, Canadian grey cloth trowsers, black silk neckhandkerchief with stripes through it, and white linen shirt; there were no stockings, and the boots were a good deal worn. From the appearance it is supposed that the body must have been in the water since before New Years. There were found in the pockets five york shillings in silver, a large quantity of Tobacco and a pipe, but no papers of any description, that would lead to identification. Verdict in accordance with the above.

The Navigation is now completely open, and the different Steamers will ply regularly from this port to the various other ports on the Lake.